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SUBJ: DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS COUNTRY EVALUATION PLANS

REF: STATE 173142

1. WE HAVE ONLY MINOR COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DESK'S
EXCELLENT DRAFT:

A. SECTION A. 1. D. : SUGGEST THE LAST SENTENCE BE
ELIMINATED OR CLARIFIED, I.E., IN WHAT WAY DOES ITS
EAST EUROPEAN PATTERN DENY A FAIR PUBLIC TRIAL?

B. SECTION A-3: THE LAST SENTENCE IS GREATLY OVER-
SIMPLIFIED. IN ALMOST ANY COUNTRY OFFICIALS LIVE
BETTER THAN THE AVERAGE CITIZEN. BURMA HAS DONE A
REMARKABLE JOB OF ECONOMIC LEVELING. THE PROBLEM IS
THAT ITS POLICIES HAVE LED TO A LEVELING DOWN TO A
COMMON POVERTY.

C. SECTION A-4: AT THE END OF THE FIRST PARA REFERENCE
TO ADOPTION OF BRITISH LEGAL CONCEPTS SEEMS TO CONTRA-
DICT THE EAST EUROPEAN PATTERN MENTIONED IN A-1. D. IN
FACT, THERE UGXIST BRITISH LEGAL CONCEPTS IN A GENERALLY
EAST EUROPEAN STRUCTURE. TO AVOID APPARENT CONTRADICTION
WE SUGGEST THIS BE MADE EXPLICIT.

D. SECTION A-5: A MINOR POINT BUT IT WOULD BE MORE
ACCURATE TO CHANGE, "WE DOUBT THE GUB WOULD BE WILLING..."
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TO "THE GUB ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD NOT RPT NOT PERMIT..."

E. UNDER SECTION 3 OR 4(A) IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO MENTION
THAT THE GUB BELIEVES ITS POLITICAL HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD
IS GOOD, PARTICULARLY IN T I CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THAT ITS
ECONOMIC RIGHTS EFFORTS ARE MORAL AND CORRECT, FAR MORE
MORAL THAN IN A "CAPITALIST" STATE.

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